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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 27, 2008

In response to the Ex Parte Quayle Office Action dated March 27, 2008, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 27, 2008, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for the reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies, or credit any overpayment to counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/SOEI/0060/WBP for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

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